PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION		12. CONCLUSIONS
25-26 Juen 1963	Weymouth, Massachusetts		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local night GMT not reported	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual	☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not reported	☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Allege photo of object in or near Weymouth Rockland Massachusetts. Several reports of object being photographed by a newspaper Staff reporter. Reported as a time exposure.

Note: Article attached to sighting from same city, same date, No correlation established between visual sighting and photo.

11. COMMENTS

Copies of the photograph were requested for evaluation, however after a delay of more than four months no reply was received. Cannot evaluate without photos. Insufficient data for evaluation.

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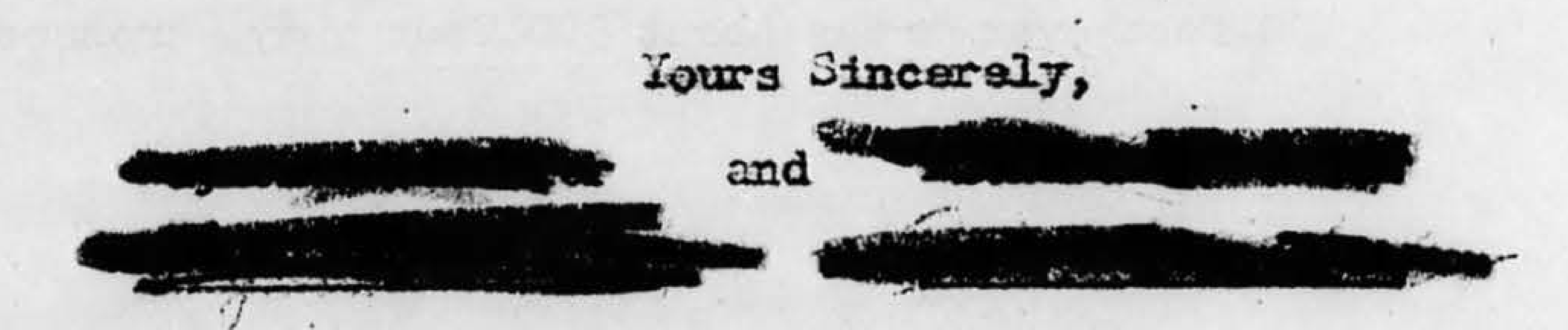
stretch across a field in back of their house, until it disappeared from view. "[redacted] (Mrs. [redacted]) was so shaken she could not get to sleep," he said. "We talked about it until 4:30 A.M.".

Mrs. [redacted] called the Naval Air Station around 8:30 A.M. and someone there took her name and telephone number saying they would call her later, but no call came. Both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] cautiously asked their neighbors if they had heard a sound during the night. The three neighbors they asked all had heard a loud sound but did not get out of bed to look as they had dismissed it as a low-flying jet.

At first the [redacted] were reluctant to tell anyone what they had seen. Later,-after the Patriot Ledger, a local Quincy newspaper, published a photo taken by [redacted] one of its reporters of a UFO in the skies that same night (July 25th) along with reports of visual sightings of a UFO, - the Gilberti's told their story to the Patriot Ledger (See photostat of news-clipping attached to data sheet).

The [redacted] said they had no idea what the object could have been but were certain it was not an airplane or a helicopter. Both families (The [redacted] and the [redacted]) were sincere and my brother and I were convinced that they had seen and/or heard what they had described - an Unidentified Flying Object.

Yours Sincerely,



[redacted] and [redacted]

USAF - ATIC

UFO DATA SHEET

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE OBJECT? 06 JUNE 1963 (DAY / MONTH / YEAR)

2. TIME OF DAY: 1:00 (HOUR / MINUTES)

   (CIRCLE ONE): **A.M.** (circled) or P.M.

3. TIME ZONE:

   (CIRCLE ONE): a. **EASTERN** (circled) b. CENTRAL c. MOUNTAIN d. PACIFIC e. OTHER

   (CIRCLE ONE): a. **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** (circled) b. STANDARD TIME

4. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

   [redacted] (NEAREST POSTAL ADDRESS) E. WEYMOUTH (CITY OR TOWN) MASSACHUSETTS (STATE OR COUNTRY)

   ADDITIONAL REMARKS: HEARD SOUND WHILE SLEEPING IN BED SOUND WOKE THEM. "LOUD." HE AND WIFE LOOKED OUT BEDSIDE WINDOW. BOTH SAW IT.

5. ESTIMATE HOW LONG YOU SAW THE OBJECT. ___ HOURS 1 MINUTES ___ SECONDS

   5.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 5.

   a. CERTAIN c. NOT VERY SURE

   b. **FAIRLY CERTAIN** (circled) d. JUST A GUESS

6. WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF THE SKY?

   (CIRCLE ONE): a. BRIGHT DAYLIGHT d. JUST A TRACE OF DAYLIGHT

   b. DULL DAYLIGHT e. **NO TRACE OF DAYLIGHT** (circled)

   c. BRIGHT TWILIGHT f. DON'T REMEMBER

7. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT DURING DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, OR DAWN, WHERE WAS THE SUN LOCATED AS YOU LOOKED AT THE OBJECT?

   (CIRCLE ONE): a. IN FRONT OF YOU d. TO YOUR LEFT

   b. IN BACK OF YOU e. OVERHEAD

   c. TO YOUR RIGHT f. DON'T REMEMBER

8. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT AT NIGHT, TWILIGHT, OR DAWN, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE CONCERNING THE STARS AND MOON?

8.1 STARS (CIRCLE ONE):

a. NONE
b. A FEW
c. MANY
d. DON'T REMEMBER (circled)

8.2 MOON (CIRCLE ONE):

a. BRIGHT LIGHT
b. DULL LIGHT
c. NO MOON-LIGHT
d. DON'T REMEMBER (circled)

9. WAS THE OBJECT BRIGHTER THAN THE BACKGROUND OF THE SKY?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. YES b. NO (circled) c. DON'T REMEMBER

LIGHTS BRIGHT AS LAMPOST LIGHT

10. IF IT WAS BRIGHTER THAN THE SKY BACKGROUND, WAS THE BRIGHTNESS LIKE THAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHT?:

a. A MILE OR MORE AWAY(a distant car)?
b. SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY?
C. A BLOCK AWAY?
d. SEVERAL YARDS AWAY?
e. OTHER 2 LIGHTS BRIGHT AS LAMPPOST LIGHTS

11. DID THE OBJECT: (CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH QUESTION)

a.	APPEAR TO STAND STILL AT ANY TIME?	YES (circled)	NO	DON'T KNOW
b.	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUSH AWAY AT ANY TIME?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW
c.	BREAK UP INTO PARTS OR EXPLODE?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW
d.	GIVE OFF SMOKE?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW
e.	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW
f.	CHANGE SHAPE?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW
g.	FLICKER, THROB, OR PULSATE?	YES	NO (circled)	DON'T KNOW

12. DID THE OBJECT MOVE BEHIND SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS A CLOUD?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES NO (circled) DON'T KNOW.

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IT MOVED BEHIND: ____________

13. DID THE OBJECT MOVE IN FRONT OF SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS A CLOUD?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES NO (circled) DON'T KNOW.

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IT MOVED BEHIND: ____________

14. DID THE OBJECT APPEAR: (CIRCLE ONE): a. (SOLID?) b. TRANSPARENT?
c. DON'T KNOW.

15. DID YOU OBSERVE THE OBJECT THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

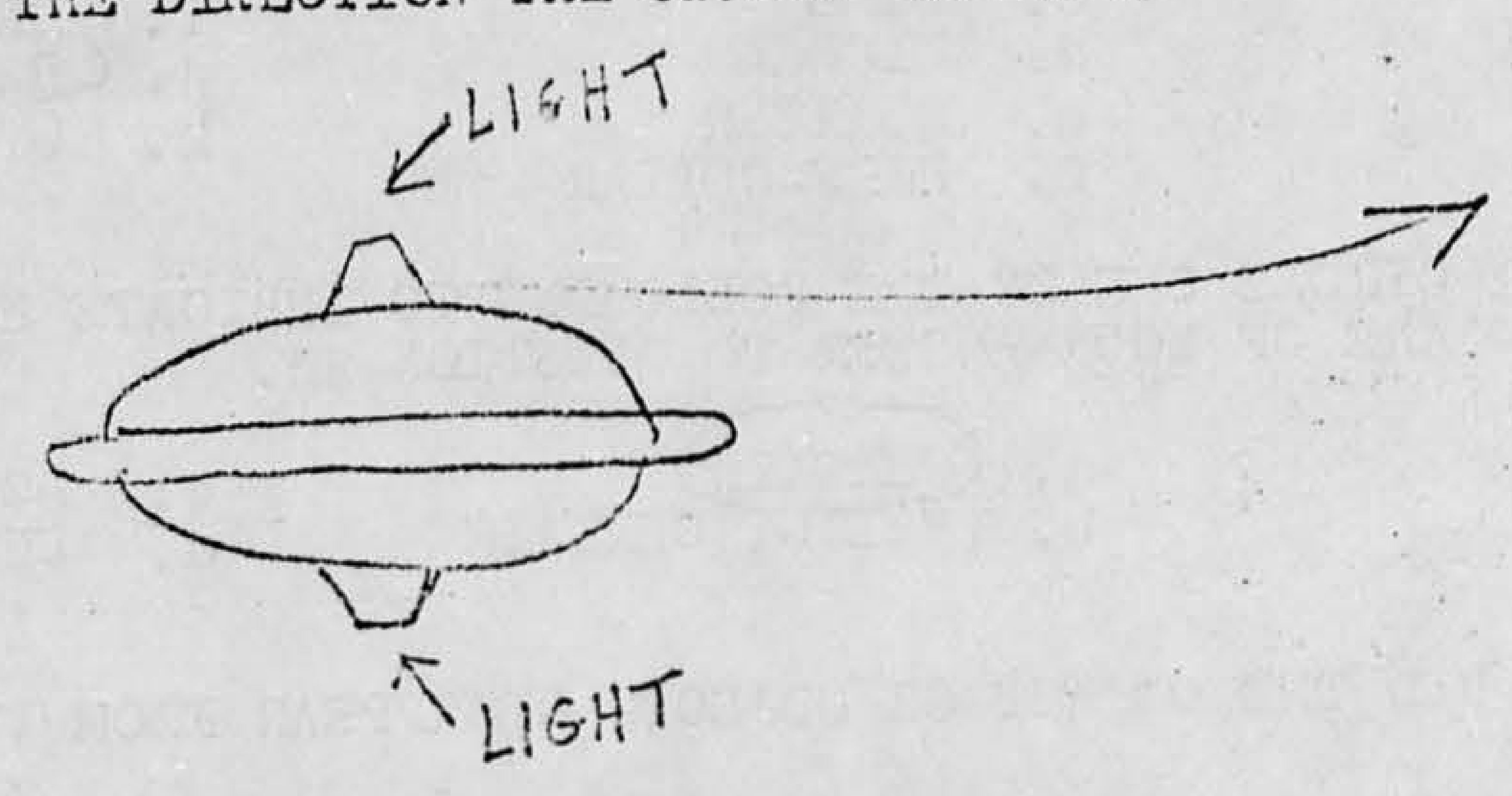
a.	EYEGLASSES	YES	NO	e.	BINOCULARS	YES	NO
b.	SUN GLASSES	YES	NO	f.	TELESCOPE	YES	NO
c.	WINDSHIELD	YES	NO	g.	THEODOLITE	YES	NO
d.	WINDOW GLASS	YES	NO	h.	OTHER SCREEN		

16. TELL IN A FEW WORDS THE FOLLOWING THINGS ABOUT THE OBJECT.

a. SOUND VERY LOUD. LIKE SLOW MOVING JET

b. COLOR COULD NOT MAKE OUT COLOR - GRAY & DARK

17. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS. LABEL AND INCLUDE IN YOUR SKETCH ANY DETAILS OF THE OBJECT THAT YOU SAW SUCH AS WINGS, PROTRUSIONS, ETC., AND ESPECIALLY EXHAUST TRAILS OR VAPOUR TRAILS. PLACE AN ARROW BESIDE THE DRAWING TO SHOW THE DIRECTION THE OBJECT WAS MOVING.



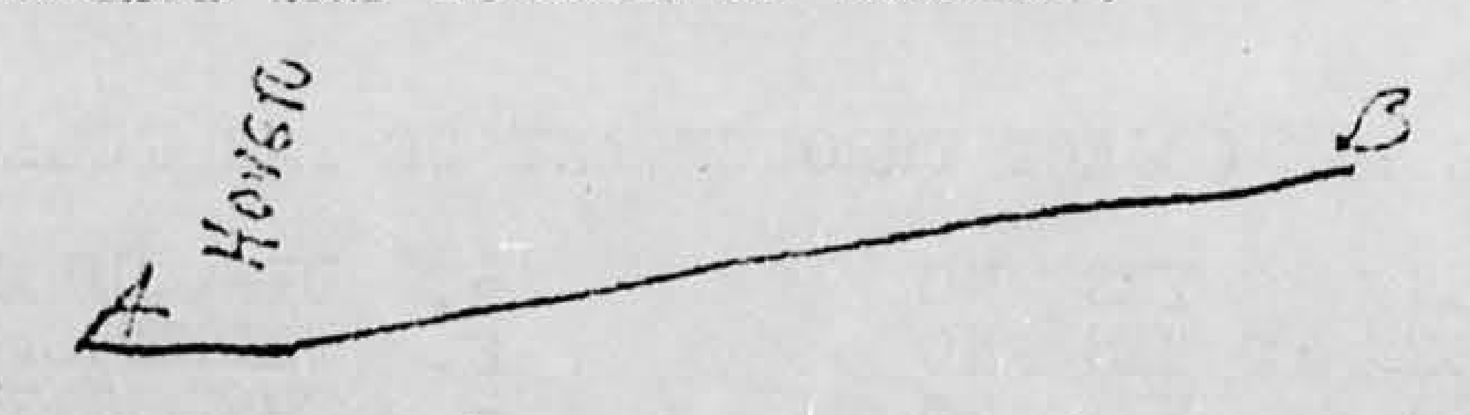
18. THE EDGES OF THE OBJECT WERE: (CIRCLE ONE:)

a. FUZZY OR BLURRED
b. LIKE A BRIGHT STAR
c. SHARPLY OUTLINED
d. DON'T REMEMBER
e. OTHER MADE OUT OUTLINE BECAUSE OF LIGHTS

19. IF THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OBJECT, THEN HOW MANY WERE THERE? ______

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were moving.

20. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE MOTION THAT THE OBJECTS OR OBJECT MADE. PLACE AN "A" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PATH AND A "B" AT THE END OF THE PATH, AND SHOW ANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION DURING THE COURSE OF FLIGHT.



21. IF POSSIBLE, TRY TO GUESS OR ESTIMATE WHAT THE REAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS IN ITS LONGEST DIMENSION 30 (Feet).
"ABOUT SIZE OF 10 WHEEL TRAILER TRUCK"

22. HOW LARGE DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS APPEAR AS COMPARED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS HELD IN THE HAND AND AT ABOUT ARM'S LENGTH?

(CIRCLE ONE):

a. HEAD OF A PIN	g. SILVER DOLLAR
b. PEA	h. BASEBALL
c. DIME	i. GRAPEFRUIT
d. NICKEL	j. BASKETBALL (circled)
e. QUARTER	k. OTHER BETWEEN SIZE J & K
f. HALF-DOLLAR	

22.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 22.

a. CERTAIN (circled)	c. NOT VERY SURE
b. FAIRLY CERTAIN	d. UNCERTAIN

23. HOW DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? OUT OF VIEW AS WENT OUT OF LINE OF SIGHT

24. IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN GIVE US CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO IMAGINE THAT YOU COULD CONSTRUCT THE OBJECT THAT YOU SAW. OF WHAT TYPE MATERIAL WOULD YOU MAKE IT? HOW LARGE WOULD IT BE, AND WHAT SHAPE WOULD IT HAVE? DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH WHEN PLACED UP IN THE SKY WOULD GIVE THE SAME APPEARANCE AS THE OBJECT WHICH YOU SAW.

LOOKED LIKE A HAMBURGER - MEAT STICKING OUT.
DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD MAKE IT OUT OF. WAS
DARK GRAY

25. WHERE WERE YOU LOCATED WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT(s)? (CIRCLE ONE):

a. INSIDE A BUILDING (circled)
b. IN A CAR
c. OUTDOORS
d. IN AN AIRPLANE
e. AT SEA
f. OTHER________________

26. WERE YOU(CIRCLE ONE):

a. IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY
b. IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY? (circled)
c. IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE?
d. FLYING NEAR AN AIRFIELD?
e. FLYING OVER A CITY?
f. FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY?
g. OTHER________________

27. WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT, AND HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE IT?

SOUND ASLEEP - AWAKENED BY SOUND - LOOKED OUT WINDOW - SHE JUMPED UNDER COVERS.

28. IF YOU WERE MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER VEHICLE AT THE TIME, THEN COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

28.1 WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING? (CIRCLE ONE):

a. NORTH	c. EAST	e. SOUTH	g. WEST
b. N.E.	d. S.E.	f. S.W.	h. N.W.

28.2 HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?________________miles per hour?

28.3 DID YOU STOP AT ANY TIME WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

29. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU FIRST SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE):

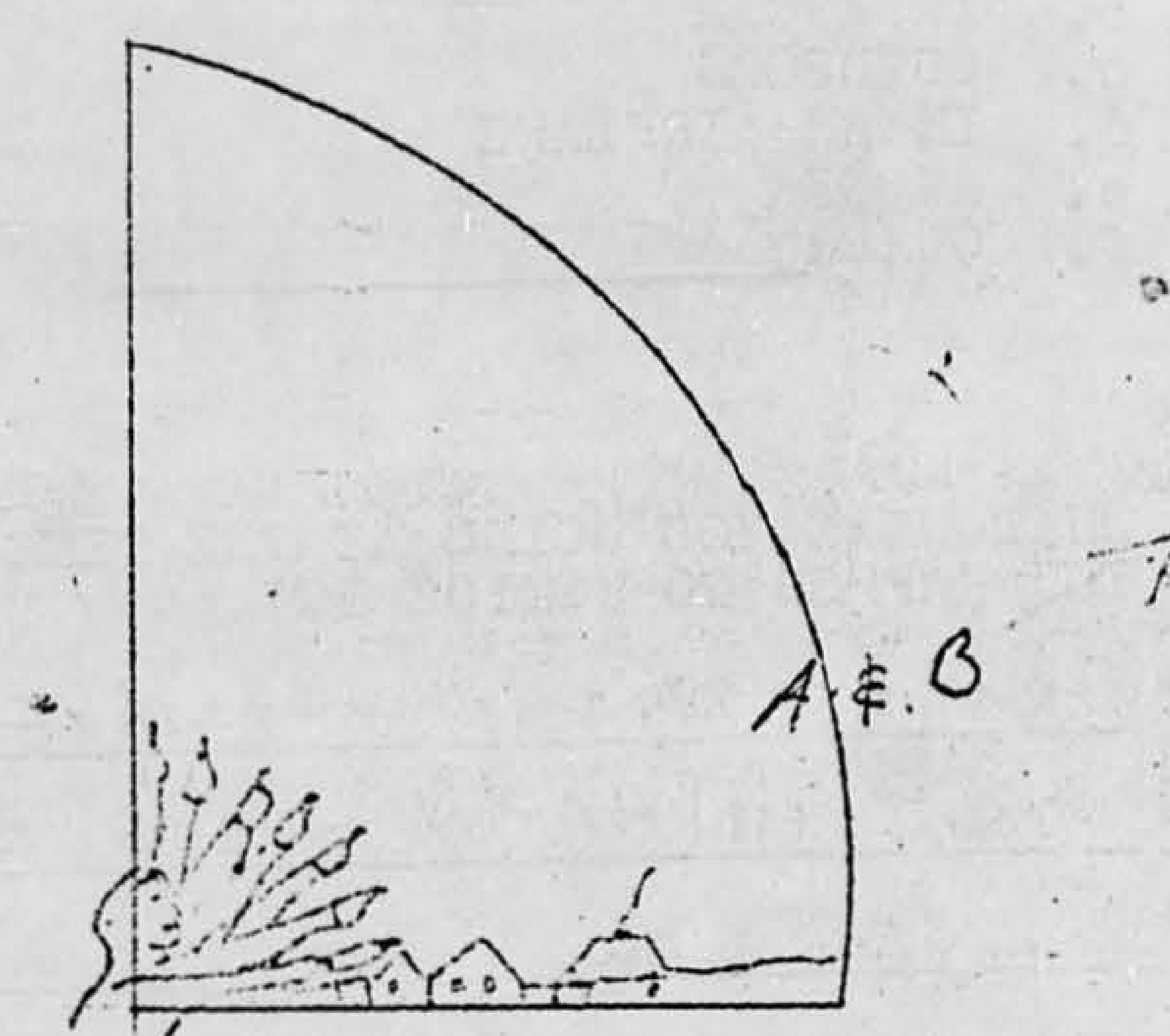
a. NORTH	c. EAST	e. SOUTH	g. WEST
b. N.E.	d. S.E.	f. S.W. (circled)	h. N.W.

30. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU LAST SAW THE OBJECT?

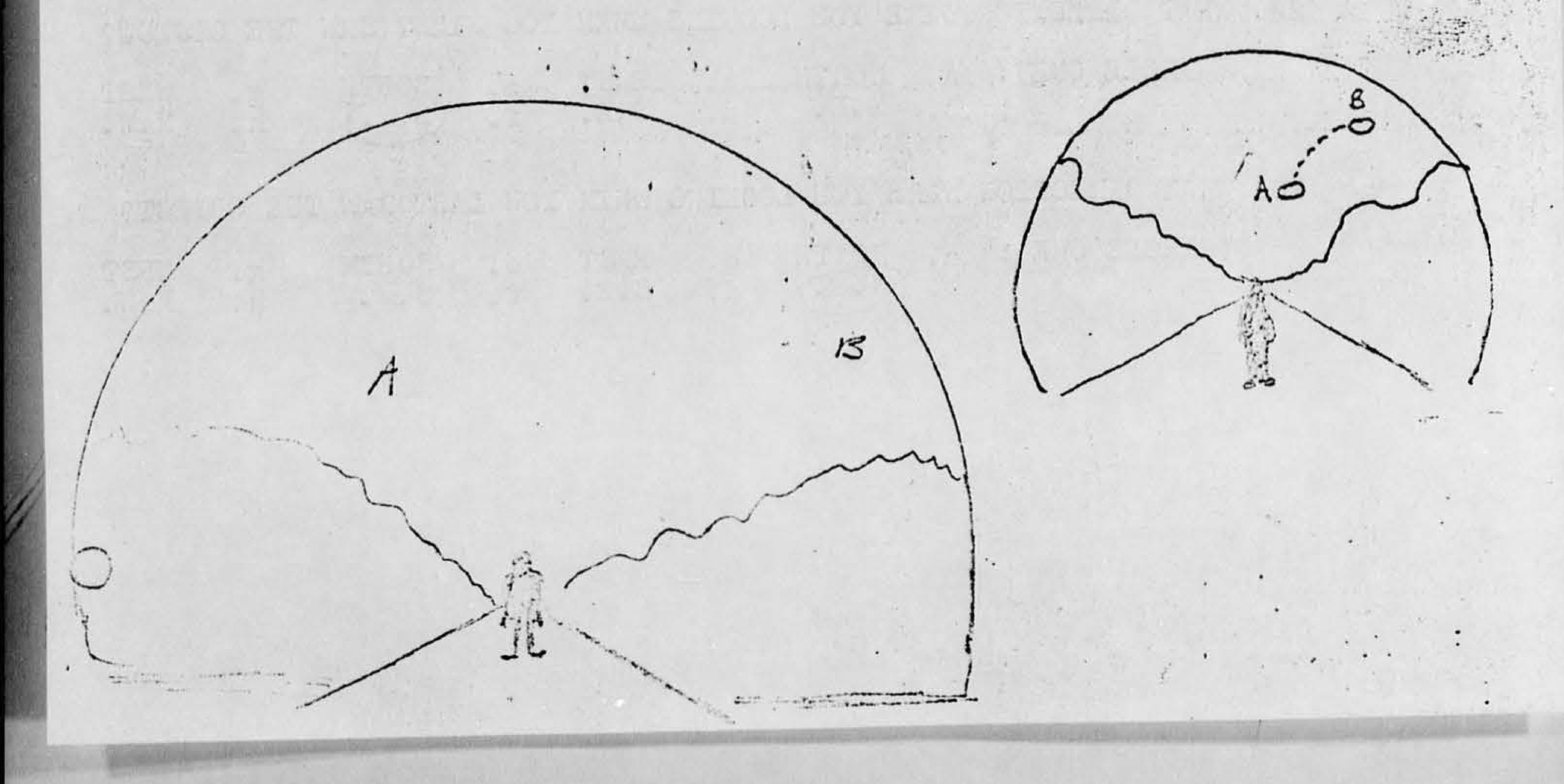
(CIRCLE ONE):

a. NORTH	c. EAST	e. SOUTH	g. WEST
b. N.E. (circled)	d. S.E.	f. S.W.	h. N.W.

31. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON (SKYLINE) WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON(SKYLINE) WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT.



32. IN THE SKETCH BELOW PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT, AND A "B" AT ITS POSITION WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



33. WHAT WERE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

33.1 CLOUDS (CIRCLE ONE)

a. CLEAR SKY (circled)
b. HAZY
c. SCATTERED CLOUDS
d. THICK OR HEAVY CLOUDS
e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.2 WIND (CIRCLE ONE)

a. NO WIND
b. SLIGHT BREEZE
c. STRONG WIND
d. DON'T REMEMBER (circled)

33.3 WEATHER (CIRCLE ONE)

a. DRY (circled)
b. FOG, MIST, OR LIGHT RAIN
c. MODERATE OR HEAVY RAIN
d. SNOW
e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.4 TEMPERATURE (CIRCLE ONE)

a. COLD
b. COOL
c. WARM
d. HOT (circled)
e. DON'T REMEMBER

34. WHEN DID YOU REPORT TO SOME OFFICIAL THAT YOU HAD SEEN THE OBJECT?

26	JUNE	1963
DAY	MONTH	YEAR

ABOUT 8:30 A.M.

WHAT OFFICIAL? AT S. WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION – SAID NO PLANES IN AREA AT THIS TIME.

35. WAS ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES (circled) NO

35.1 IF YOU ANSWERED YES, DID THEY SEE THE OBJECT TOO?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES (circled) NO

35.2 PLEASE LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES: WIFE – SAME ADDRESS.

36. WAS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAD SEEN AN OBJECT(s) LIKE THIS?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES (circled) NO

36.1 IF YOU ANSWERED NO, THEN WHEN, WHERE, AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID YOU SEE OTHER ONE(s)?

37. IN YOUR OPINION WHAT DO YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED IT?

I DON'T KNOW. WAS NOT ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN.

38. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ESTIMATE THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES (NO)

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN WHAT SPEED WOULD YOU ESTIMATE ____ MPH.

39. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ESTIMATE HOW FAR AWAY FROM YOU THE OBJECT WAS?

(CIRCLE ONE) (YES) NO

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN HOW FAR AWAY WOULD YOU SAY IT WAS 300 FT.

40. PLEASE GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

NAME MR. [redacted]

MRS. ([redacted]) [redacted]

ADDRESS [redacted] COMMERCIAL STREET,

EAST WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

PRESENT JOB? CABINET MAKER

AGE 24 SEX MALE

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE HAD:

a. GRADE SCHOOL ✓

b. HIGH SCHOOL ✓

c. COLLEGE ____

d. POST GRADUATE ____

e. TECHNICAL SCHOOL ____

(TYPE) ____

f. OTHER SPECIAL TRANING ____

DO YOU BELONG TO NICAP NO ? APRO NO ? OTHER? NO

HAVE YOU READ ANY BOOKS ON UFO'S? NO

41. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: 28 JULY 1963

DAY MONTH YEAR

Raymond E. Fowler

INTERVIEWER: RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

'Flying Object' Mystery Deepens With New Reports

QUINCY—The mysterious "flying object" photographed two weeks ago by a Patriot Ledger reporter was seen at about the same time and probably on the same night by at least five South Shore residents.

At least six other persons, making a total of 11, reported sighting a similar object over the South Shore in recent weeks.

Most of the reports tallied almost completely in the descriptions of the object, including its colors, flying characteristics and flight pattern.

From Weymouth, Rockland

The unsolicited reports began to come in this weekend, mostly from persons who said they would never have reported their sightings if The Patriot Ledger had not published the photograph and accompanying story in Saturday's newspaper.

Most of the persons asked that their names not be used, but then agreed to their use when they learned that others saw the same object and that the reports agreed in almost all details.

The June 25 sightings came from East Weymouth and Rockland. Other sightings in the past few weeks were made in West Quincy, Scituate and Braintree.

All but one were at night, mostly between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

In almost all cases, the object reported carried bright orange and white lights and traveled in a rectangular or zig-zag pattern, making sharp 90-degree turns without pausing.

The photograph was taken the night of June 25 or 26 from the back yard of Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter Richard Pothier of Wollaston.

When the slide was later processed it clearly showed the flight path of a brilliantly-lighted orange and white object which had entered the camera's field of view sometime during the half-hour time exposure, manuevered several times in sharp, rectangular patterns, and then accelerated to leave a dimming orange path out of the photograph.

The original purpose of the photo — a color slide on Kodachrome X film — was to record the bright trails left by stars overhead as the earth revolved beneath them.

The reporter never looked at the sky during the exposure and never saw the object which recorded its presence on the film.

Detailed Report

The most detailed report on what appears to be the same object came from Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Gilberti of 344 Commercial Street, East Weymouth, both of whom spotted the object early June 26, at about 1 a.m.

The next morning, Mrs. Gilberti said, she notified South Weymouth Naval Air Station to report

"They didn't seem too surprised," she said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti described the craft as "very large," bigger than a truck, with a brilliant orange light on its bottom and a white light of equal intensity on its top.

They said the object flew "with a deafening roar" about 100 feet over the ground, apparently following the path of some high-tension wires near the Gilberti home.

Its shape, Mr. Gilberti said, was best described by using the traditional "flying saucer" concept, or, more exactly, two saucers inverted toward each other. Around its middle, he said, was a protruding lip.

The two lights were shaped like a Turkish fez hat, or a cone with the top cut off, he said.

"It flew smoothly, very, low, almost right above the treetops," Gilberti said. "The roar was deafening."

"Up to now, I've always thought of those people who believe in flying saucers as nuts," he said. "But my wife and I both saw it and it was some sort of machine, not a balloon or some other explanation.

"My wife was so shook up she couldn't sleep all night. She called South Weymouth the next morning and someone there took her name and telephone number, but they never called back."

The same night, three Rockland residents sitting outside their home reported seeing a lighted object with the exact same colors and light relationship, but flying much higher. They heard no sound.

The sighting was made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tonsberg of Johnson Terrace, Rockland. Also present was Mrs. Tonsberg's brother-in-law, William Henderson.

Zig-Zag Path

All three reported the object traced a zig-zag path, making a series of sharp 90-degree turns without pausing in its flight. The glow the object emitted was orange and white, they said.

Mr. Henderson reported the object's flight path was sharp and irregular, as in the photograph taken in Wollaston about a half-hour later.

He said the object appeared to be heading northwest, but repeatedly doubled back and forth over its path.

"All three of us watched it for about five minutes," he said. "The main reason we did so was the large number of almost-perfect right angles taken by whatever it was."

The trio first saw it when a commercial airliner bound for Logan Airport passed over their house, Mr. Henderson said. When the plane had passed, all three saw the orange-white light source "much higher than the airplane, ... zig-zag pattern."

A sighting of what appeared to be the same object, but on the morning of July 4, was reported near the Braintree-Quincy line by a Weymouth couple who were driving on the Southeast Expressway.

Mr. Robert Carr of Weymouth said she and her husband spotted "a dark object" emitting an orange glow moving in an irregular path fairly high above the ground near Archbishop Williams High School.

"We couldn't see how big it was but it was not small," she said. "It appeared dark at the top but there was a strong orange glow at the bottom.

"It was fully light, about 8:30 a.m., and we could see only a very rough outline of the object. The most pronounced detail was the orange hue at the bottom and a dark surface or area at its top," she said.

Several weeks earlier on June 13 a North Scituate woman who does not wish her name published spotted the same or a similar object, she reported yesterday.

Plunged Near Ocean

The yellow-white light, she said, seemed to be plunging into the ocean off Scituate, but suddenly reversed its direction and doubled back on its original path. A friend with her saw the same object, she said.

"It was going from west to east, then suddenly stopped and moved erratically for a few seconds, reversed its direction, and went back from east to west," she said.

She said she watched the maneuvering light source for at least 10 or 15 minutes, and when it stopped moving and hovered for a while she stopped looking at it.

"It was much bigger and brighter than the stars around it, and it was moving very unevenly. I could see it wasn't an airplane or helicopter because it was very high up and the lights that planes carry wouldn't seem so bright at that distance," she said.

On or about the same date as the Scituate sighting, two 13-year-old girls from West Quincy reported seeing a group of orange-white lights moving in an almost-exact duplicate of the seemingly-aimless right-angle maneuvering captured on the slide taken in Wollaston.

The girls said the lights were high and over toward Wollaston.

Officials at South Weymouth Naval Air Station said yesterday they have no aircraft capable of making such maneuvers, and added that nothing from South Weymouth is usually flying after 8 p.m. on a week night and midnight on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. In addition, they said, no aircraft of any kind would fly at such a low altitude as several of the reports indicated.

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Request for UFO Information

[illegible] OCT 1963

[redacted]
Patriot Ledger, Staff Reporter
Quincy, Massachusetts

Dear Mr Pothier:

A sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported to the U S Air Force. The sighting took place on 25-26 Jun 63 in the Weymouth, Rockland area. It is our understanding that you took a photograph of this object. We would appreciate borrowing the negative or a copy of this photo or slide. We would return this negative or photo to you upon completion of our photographic analysis. We would also appreciate the following information:

At what time and date was the photo taken?
In what direction was the camera facing when the photo was taken?
At what elevation was the photo taken?

Please mail the negative or photo and the information to:
FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Sincerely,

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS DEC 63

...A still photograph of [illegible]O, taken by a [illegible] on the [illegible]incy, Ma[illegible]chusetts, Patriot Ledger, has baffled Dr. Gerald [illegible] Hawkins, who is director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory. The picture [illegible] snapped on July 26th by reporter Richard Pothier from the back yard of his [illegible]. It shows a mysterious pattern of lights which the noted astronomer, who [illegible] examined the picture, was unable to explain. Said Dr. Hawkins: "I [illegible] hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit [illegible] very difficult to explain the photograph." He also stated that the [illegible] evidence about UFO's."

Information Only
Cource: APRO, November 1963

26 June 1963
South Weymouth, Mass

On June 26, Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Gilbert of East Weymouth spotted a UFO at 1 a.m. Next morning they reported the sighting to the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth and Mrs. Gilberti said the authority who took the report "didn't seem too surprised." The description of the sighting: Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert described the craft as 'very large,' bigger than a truck, with brilliant orange light on its bottom and a white light of equal intensity on its top. They said the object flew "with a deafening roar" about 100 feet over the ground, apparently following the path of some high-tension wires near the Gilbert home. Its shape, Gilberti said, was best described by using the traditional "flying saucers" concept, or more exactly, two saucers inverted toward each other. Around its middle, he said, was a protruding lip. The two lights were shaped like a Turkish fez hat, or a cone with the top cut off, he said. It flew smoothly, very low, almost right above the treetops, Gilberti said. The roar was deafening. "Up to now I've always thought of those people who believe in flying saucers as nuts," he said, "but my wife and I both saw it and it was some sort of machine, not a balloon or some other explanation."

July 24, 1963

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]t
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dea[redacted]

Thank you for your letter of July 17. I was very glad to get the clipping. I heard about this UFO but had not seen a copy of it until your letter arrived.

There are many different ways in which this UFO could have come about. First of all, remember that the man did not see anything in the sky. He was just taking pictures of the stars and the trails show clearly. It is very easy to get a film light struck. First of all this can happen in the developing. There may be some fault in the developer which can produce this sort of defect. The person might have had a shutter that stuck and momentarily at least as he waved his camera around happened to point it toward a fairly bright light. The shutter might not stick again. I know of several UFOs that are due to this effect. Also in loading or unloading the camera he might have inadvertently exposed the film. It would be interesting to know whether this was either the first or the last film on the reel. Sometimes a mirror mechanical abrasion can cause development of the image. We are not sure whether the man who took the picture did the development or not. There have been many similar unexpected images on photographic films that have been reported as UFOs, some very similar to this. He says that he took precautions so that an automobile headlight would not shine into the lens. But I would like to know whether he used a flashlight or not. Sometimes the light from a flashlamp, even if not directly shining in the lens, will shine in indirectly reflected perhaps from a wristwatch or a ring. The fact that some one of the UFO "study groups" confirmed that this was a true UFO does not impress me. Nor does the statement that this group "works closely with the Air Force," which is manifestly inaccurate and probably untrue. The rectangular motions are of no significance either. The only reported angular movements that I know of are those on radar, not on visual saucers. Nor would I completely rule out the "playful child". The argument about the focus does not convince because secondary reflections/could have occured that would have produced this sort of an effect. I would like to see an enlargement or copy (in color) of the original. I should also like to ask the photographer whether his camera automatically shifts the frame or not. I am trying to eliminate the possibility of an accidental double exposure.

He states that "what it photographed was definitely in the sky." He further states that he kept the camera in constant view. But he also said that he had not seen the object. I maintain that there is no proof that it was defintely in the sky or that it was something that had moved into the cameras view, hovered in at least seven spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view.

26 June 1963
Weymouth, Mass

Source: Quincy, Mass Patriot Ledger of Tuesday, 30 July 1963

UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer At B.U.

BOSTON—The mysterious pattern of moving lights photographed by Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter Richard Pothier from the backyard of his Wollaston home June 26 apparently was not caused by a "flying saucer" or similar body, a noted Boston astronomer said.

Difficult To Explain

The astronomer, Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, director of the Boston University Observatory, said, "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph."

Dr. Hawkins listed three reasons behind his theory. They are: "If there were a solid object in the picture were obscured." the sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails

"There are several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of a grid.

"And, the complicated pattern, similar to those found in multiple reflections, does not agree at all with the eyewitness descriptions of flying saucers."

However, Dr. Hawkins said he could not satisfactorily explain the image on the photograph.

State Board Head Voted Pay Raise She Didn't Want

BOSTON (UPI) — The Massachusetts Senate has given preliminary approval to a bill which would increase the membership and the salaries of members of the Massachusetts Commission ag

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From: [redacted]

Wenham, Mass.

I definitely discount the statement of Putnam concerning the report of the two West Quincy girls. There have been far too many "confirmations" of this sort. Does he not at least produce a pre-dated paper reporting this siting by the West Quincy girls?

Sorry to be such a skeptic. I don't know whether any group is checking up on the picture. They would not normally be doing so unless he actually sent pictures to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Field, Dayton Ohio. I hope that my reply has at l3ast communicated some of my scientific skepticism in the interpretation. I am quite sure that the person who made the observation is honest and reliable. But if he is an expert photographer, he should know that what I have daid about possible defects is true. I am, therefore, sending him a copy of my letter.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that my new book, "The World of Flying Saucers," published by Doubleday, written jointly by myself and Mrs. Lyle Boyd, will be on the bookstands in just a few days. I deal with photographic saucers there, in one of the chapters.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Cordially yours,

DHM/sc

Donald H. Menzel
Director

cc: [redacted]

bcc: Col. Friend

Information Only
Source: APRO Bulletin, November 1963

25 - 26 June 1963
Wollaston, Mass.

News Photog Snaps UFO

APRO HAS in its possession a colored slide of an object photographed on time exposure by news photographer Dick Pothier of Wollaston, Mass. In a by-lined story in the Quincy Patroit-Ledger, Mr. Pothier described his experience which took place on either the 25th or 26th of June 1963.

Pothier was taking time photos of stars in order to record the tracks of same, from his back yard at Wollaston, Mass. His equipment consisted of a Japanese 35 mm. camera on a tripod. He was using Kodachrome X film. Other than checking the distance he did not touch the equipment until 30 minutes after he opened the shutter, when he returned to close it.

Two weeks later Potheir had the film developed. On the slide he immediately spotted something which shouldn't have been there—a clear pattern of lights which moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least 10 spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view again.

In Pothier's own words: "The time exposure was able to capture all this, and the intensity of the lights on the color slide clearly show just where the lights stopped and moved, leaving either an image of the lights or a colored track. In back of the orange, white and silver lights and tracks were the star trails which was originally the purpose of one of the shots."

Pothier eventually showed the photo slide to Stephen Putnam, a mechanical engineer, APRO member and President of the Two-State UFO Group, of Egypt, Mass. Putnam, in a statement to the Patriot-Ledger said after a three-hour study of the slide, that the lights seemed to be arranged on a single object which never changed its attitude relative to the ground, and appeared to make 90 degree turns without turning itself. Because the lights ranged in color from orange to white to silver, never changed their relative position, they were apparently mounted on the same frame-

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work, he said.

"Except for a brilliant orange nucleus, which remained in a central position, no matter which way the object stopped, turned or paused, the lights defy interpretation," Putnam said.

Putnam pointed out that the structure of the object would be invisible on the slide, as it was, just as a night picture of a car would show only headlights..

Obviously the lights were not caused by a balloon or airplane and the color of the lights precludes the helicopter explanation. The focus of the camera was set at infinity, thus ruling out close-in objects such as fireflies, etc.

For camera enthusiasts, Pothier elucidates the details about his: It was a Heiland Pentax 35 mm. with an FL-55 mm. lens. The film was Kodachrome X,-ASA 64—lens wide open and set for infinity.

Exit and entrance trails of the object which made the image are very dim indicating that whatever it was is was either accelerating rapidly or descending into camera range during its exit and entrance upon the scene. In a letter dated August 5, John T. Hopf, APRO's photo analyst, had this to say: "There is no question but that this is a real image of some light source, we have positively ruled out processing or film defects. I don't agree with the Harvard astronomer who said that if there was a solid body behind the light it would obscure the star trails. I know from my own experience that an object passing in front of the stars for a short time will not show an effect on the trails in an exposure as long as 30 minutes as this one was. I think this photo is worth running in the Bulletin although we will probably never know just what caused it. I have talked to the fellow (Pothier) at great length, and believe him when he says that no accidental double exposure occurred. I happen to own one of the same cameras (Pentax) and will will make some tests myself when I get a chance, but don't expect to duplicate the photo."

After Pothier's story the Patriot-Ledger carried an account in its July 30 edition which was headlined: "UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer at B.U." and quotes Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, Director of the Boston University Observatory: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also said: "If there were a solid object in the sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails in the picture were obscured. There were several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of grid. And, the complicated pattern, similar to those found in multiple reflections, does not agree at all with the eyewitness descriptions of flying saucers."

It is obvious from Dr. Hawkins' comments that he has had little experience with the study and research of flying saucers. Mr. Hopf has deftly and correctly disputed Hawkins' theory about the obscuration of star trails, and most UFO experts, upon seeing the slide, remark about the similarity between the color and apparent placement of lights and the many sightings which describe almost those exact characteristics.

It would seem the UFOs suddenly attained some sort of legitimacy after being commented upon by Dr. Hawkins, for shortly, Pothier and others received accounts of various UFO sightings in the area.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 June 1963	2. LOCATION Weymouth, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0100 GMT 26/0600Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one minute	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj observed as two white lights and dark area in the middle by couple who awoke to a humming sound. Looked out window and saw obj. Report indicates that obj was observed in the SW and disappeared after a flight of one min in the NE. Wife did not observer obj very long. Got scared and hid under covers after initial observation. Principal witness continued to observe obj. Total duration of one min. Obj had light on top and light on bottom as bright as two lamp post lights. Edges outlined because of these lights.	11. COMMENTS News report indicates orange light on top and white light on bottom. No explanation as to how witness observed obj in SW and observed disappearance IN NE while looking from one window. Witness to sound next door thought obj (sound) was normal jet a/c, /flight, lights and general pattern of this sighting indicate an a/c observation. Nothing other than the shape as described by a sleepy witness, indicates this to be anything other than a normal a/c observation.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING - 26 JUNE 63; 1:00 AM; E. WEYMOUTH, MASS

DATE: 29 JULY 1963

FROM: [redacted]

(Member: NICAP; APRO; MASS-R.I. TWO STATE UFO STUDY GRP)

TO: LIST

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MASS/RI GRP	(1)

On the evening of July 28, 1963 my brother and I interviewed two families on Commercial Street, East Weymouth, Massachusetts in regard to the sighting of an unidentified flying object which was seen, heard, and photographed in the Southshore area during the night of June 25th and the early morning hours of June 26, 1963.

Attached is a photostat of a completed UFO Data Sheet which is based upon a USAF Technical Information Sheet. The drawings of the UFO were done by Mr. [redacted]. We went through the form together objectively filling in the information. Both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] signed the completed form. The following is a brief account of our interview with them and a family who live next door.

THE [redacted] INTERVIEW - [redacted]

Upon arriving in the [redacted] neighborhood, we first interviewed Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] who live next door to the [redacted]. Mr [redacted] works an evening shift and had just gotten into bed shortly before he and his wife heard a very loud "humming vibrating sound" AT ABOUT 1:00 A.M. JUNE 26. He said the sound was not that of an airplane. He is familiar with the sound of airplanes as he had flown in B-17's during World War II and later served during the Korean War. His wife, because the sound was so peculiar, asked him to get out of bed to see what it could be. However, he felt too tired to get out of bed.

THE [redacted] INTERVIEW - [redacted] Street

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were awakened about 1:00 A.M. on June 26, 1963 by an "un-godly sound - like a slow moving jet" - is the best they could describe it. Their bed was pulled up to the back window so as to keep cool. Their heads were near the window and they both looked out. Mrs. [redacted] saw the UFO and was terrified, jumping under the covers. Mr. [redacted] observed the object for approximately one minute. "It", he said, was like "two hamburger buns one on top of another with a sandwiched piece of meat protruding around." Its outline was seen because of two lights on the object, one on the top and one on the bottom which were shaped like "Turkish Fez hats". It hovered momentarily, slowly moved at a height of about 100 feet over trees about 300 feet away, crossed power lines